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SUBJECT: KING SOBHUZA'S BIRTHDAY SPEECH

1. APPEARING IN VERY GOOD HEALTH, KING SOBHUZA PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL HOURS' CELEBRATION OF HIS 78TH BIRTHDAY JULY 22 BEFORE AUDIENCE ESTIMATED AT 30,000 IN NHLANGANO, PRINCIPAL TOWN IN SOUTHERN SWAZILAND.

2. IN TEN-MINUTE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH, KING ENCOURAGED HARD WORK AS KEY TO SUCCESS AND CRITICIZED THOSE WHO SEEK EASY ROAD TO RICHES AND FAME EITHER BY COMMITTING RITUAL MURDER (WHICH IS ON INCREASE) OR BY PREACHING "GOSPEL OF DISORDER." HE CHARACTERIZED LATTER AS "A CANCER" AND SAID IT HAS CLAIMED VICTIMS IN ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID PERPETRATORS ARE THOSE ALREADY IN HIGHER ECHELONS OF A COUNTRY WHO WANT TO BECOME NUMBER ONE. HOWEVER, THIS "GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS" NEVER STOPS BECAUSE OTHERS EMULATE THE FIRST SUBVERTER. KING CHALLENGED ANYONE TO NAME A COUNTRY THAT HAS ACHIEVED HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING AS RESULT OF SUCH CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. HE CONCLUDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT "BEST THING IS SELF-RELIANCE, DOING THINGS FOR YOURSELF, MAKING SURE THAT NOTHING HARMS WHAT YOU MAY BE NURSING." WACHOB

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